

REMARKS

Original claim 6 forms an integral part of the description of the subject invention and includes the following language: "wherein the single crystal plate is adhered to the substrate by depositing a conductive metal on each (emphasized) surface of the single crystal plate and the substrate, combining the two conductive metal layers, and pressurizing and heat-treating the resulting laminate at a temperature of 100 to 600 °C." Applicant has amended the Specification on page 7, lines 3-8 to conform to the language in original claim 6. Accordingly, the objection to the Specification should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 12 and 13 under 35 USC 102(b) or under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kondo et al. ('076), is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has now been amended to limit the recitation of a ferroelectric single crystal to a material having the composition of the defined formula (I) taken from claim 9. Claim 9 has, in turn, been cancelled.

Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims are clearly novel and non-obvious over the teaching in the Kondo et al. patent which does not recite or suggest a ferroelectric single crystal having the composition of formula (1).

The rejection of claims 4-8 and 10 as being obvious over Kondo in view of the combination of Yachi et al. and Durand et al. and/or in combination with

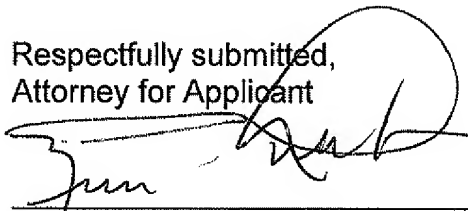
Suenaga et al., Fujioka et al. and Yasumoto et al. or Kijima et al., is respectfully traversed.

The inventive method for preparing a film structure as recited in amended claim 1 is recognized by the Examiner as being non-obvious over Kondo et al. None of the additional cited references taken alone or in combination with Kondo et al. teach or suggest a ferroelectric single crystal component having the composition of formula (I).

Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims are clearly patentable over all of the cited references taken alone or in combination.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-8 and 10 is respectfully solicited.

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